

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2010, having a shortened statutory period set to expire May 5, 2010. In the present Amendment, Claims 2-3, 11-12, 26-27, 35, and 36 are cancelled, and Claims 1, 4, 7, 13, 15, 22, 24-25, 28, 31, 35-43, and 45-49 are amended. Claims 1, 4-10, 13-25, 28-34, and 37-49 are now pending.

The Examiner suggested that claims 12 and 36 (and any intervening claims) be added to their respective independent claims 1 and 25 to claim allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims herein, as per the Examiner's suggestion.

CONCLUSION

Having amended the now pending claims according to the recommendations of the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

In addition, Applicants do not acquiesce to the Office's interpretation of the claimed subject matter or the references used in rejecting the claimed subject matter. Therefore, Applicants reserve the right to present arguments in a later response should one be necessary.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0461**.

Respectfully submitted,

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